



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Teri Rennia, City Council President  
Angela Holmes, City Clerk

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## MINUTES

City Council Work Session  
City Council Work Room, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, N.Y.  
Monday September 16, 2013

**Called to Order.** Called to order by Council President at 6:36pm.

**Council Members Present:** Jerry Motsavage, Teri Rennia, Chris Papastrat, John Matzo, Bill Berg

**Council Members Absent:** Joseph Mihalko (arrived at 6:41pm), Lea Webb (arrived at 6:39pm)

**Also in attendance:** Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jeremy Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk

## ITEMS CONSIDERED

**Discussion.** Presentation from the New York State Department of Taxation & Finance on updates to the STAR Exemption Program.

Presented by: Katherine Garbutt, NYS Department of Taxation & Finance; Catherine Cullivan, NYS Department of Taxation & Finance

**Discussion.** Changes to Time Warner Cable rates.

Presented by: David Whalen, Time Warner Cable; Councilman Papastrat

**RL 13-150.** A Resolution accepting a gift of a permanent picnic pavilion at NYSEG Stadium from the Binghamton Mets.

Presented by: Councilman Motsavage; Councilman Mihalko; Councilman Matzo; Councilman Berg

Request for Legislation supported by: Motsavage, Webb, Matzo, Rennia, Mihalko, Papastrat

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

**RL 13-155.** A Resolution urging Broome County to maintain ownership of Broome County Public Transit.

Presented by: Pat Hull, Local 1145 Amalgamated Transit Union; Susan Link, Southern Tier Independence Center; Council President Rennia; Susan Ruff, Southern Tier Independence Center; Peter H. Schiraldi, President/Business Agent for Local 1145 Amalgamated Transit Union; Doug Wiser, Local 1145 Amalgamated Transit Union

Request for Legislation supported by: Webb, Matzo, Rennia, Berg, Papastrat

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*Note: Item sent to the Business Meeting held on September 18, 2013. In addition, Councilman Motsavage recused himself from the conversation due to association with an interested party in the potential privatization of Broome County Public Transit.*

**Discussion.** Extending the Outdoor Café operating season.

Presented by: Sean Massey; Daniel L. Thomas, Fire Chief

**RL 13-157.** An Ordinance establishing and funding a temporary Police Officer position in the 2013 budget.

Presented by: Charles Pearsall, Comptroller; Kyle Seeley, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Request for Legislation supported by: Webb, Motsavage, Matzo, Rennia, Mihalko, Berg, Papastrat

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**RL 13-153.** An Ordinance authorizing the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board Fiscal Officer to transfer funds within the 2013 Joint Sewage Board budget to fund telephone/communications.

Presented by: Shane Guilford, Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant Business Manager

Request for Legislation supported by: Webb, Motsavage, Papastrat

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

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**RL 13-149.** A Resolution approving amendments to the rules and regulations relating to use of the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant (JSTP).

Presented by: Shane Guilford, Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant Business Manager

Request for Legislation supported by: Motsavage, Webb

*Note: Item did not receive support from either a majority of the committee in which it was considered or the majority of City Council as a whole. Item failed.*

**RL 13-144.** An Ordinance adding Clinic, Medical, Diagnostic or Treatment Center as a use permitted with a Special Use Permit/Series A Site Plan in the I-1 Urban Business Park District.

Presented by: Leigh McCullen, Senior Planner

Request for Legislation supported by: Webb, Mihalko, Berg, Motsavage, Matzo, Rennia, Papastrat

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

**Executive Session.** Motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:40pm to discuss personnel matters.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Matzo.

**Voice vote, none opposed.**

**Reconvene.** Called to order by Council President Rennia at 8:46pm.

**Council Members Present:** Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko, Teri Rennia, Lea Webb, Chris Papastrat, John Matzo, Bill Berg

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Also in attendance:** Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jeremy Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk

**RL 13-151.** An Ordinance amending the 2013 Code Enforcement budget to reflect a change in title from Code Enforcement Supervisor to Code Enforcement Officer.

Presented by: Thomas Costello, Supervisor of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement

Request for Legislation supported by: Webb, Motsavage, Matzo, Mihalko, Berg, Papastrat

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**RL 13-152.** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Complus Data Innovations, Inc. for parking ticket management services.



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Presented by: Pauline Penrose, City Treasurer

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**RL 13-126.** An Ordinance amending Section 346-4 of the Code of the City of Binghamton, regarding shopping carts found in public places.

Presented by: Councilman Berg

Item held.

**RL 13-154.** An Ordinance transferring \$150,000 from budget line H5112.525017.20208 (Court Street Gateway Project) to budget line H7110.525054.20208 (Parks Improvements) to refurbish tennis and basketball courts in the City of Binghamton.

Presented by: Bill Barber, Director of Parks & Recreation; Charles Pearsall, Comptroller

Request for Legislation supported by: Webb, Motsavage, Matzo, Berg, Mihalko, Papastrat

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

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**RL 13-156.** An Ordinance authorizing various transfers in the 2013 Parking Ramps budget for additional ice melt and increased insurance costs.

Presented by: Carl Petro, LAZ Parking

Request for Legislation supported by: Webb, Matzo, Berg, Mihalko, Papastrat

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

**Discussion.** Review of Proposed 2014 Budget Hearing Schedule.

Presented by: Councilwoman Webb

**Discussion.** Review of Committee reports and pending legislation.

Presented by: Council President Pro Tem Berg

**Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn at 9:35pm.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Matzo.

**Voice vote, none opposed.**